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For: SYSTEM FOR ANALYSING SAMPLE LIQUIDS CONTAINING A POSITION CONTROL UNIT

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 14, without prejudice, in the originally filed application.

Please enter new claims 15 to 28, clean copies of which are shown on the attached pages as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Because the previous claims have been canceled, no marked up copies of the previous claims are enclosed herein.

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